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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1 The seventy-fourth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 18 March to 5 April 2002. The first meeting will be convened at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Monday, 18 March 2002 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the seventy-fourth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5 which contains the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports during the seventy-fourth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are expected to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its seventy-third session, the Committee decided that a working group, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its seventy-fourth session from 11 to 15 March 2002. The first meeting of the working group will be convened at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 11 March 2002, at 10.30 a.m.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Organizational and other matters.

   (a) Report of the Chairperson(s)/Rapporteur(s) of the pre-sessional working group(s);

   (b) Working methods;

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

6. General Comments of the Committee.

7. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

8. Follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General

The representative of the Secretary-General will open the seventy-fourth session of the Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

3. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will (a) consider the report of the Chairperson(s)/ Rapporteur(s) of the working groups(s); and (b) continue the examination of working methods. An informal working group on working methods will be convened during the session by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventy-fourth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 5 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

State Party	Symbol	Date due	Date received
	Second periodic reports		
Israel	CCPR/C/ISR/2001/2	2001	29 November 2001
	Third periodic reports		
Netherlands (Aruba)	CCPR/C/NET/99/3/Add.1	1991	15 November 2001
	Third and fourth periodic reports		
Egypt	CCPR/C/EGY/2001/3	1994	13 November 2001

B. Reports due

For the situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant reference is made to chapter III and annex IV of the Committee's 2001 annual report to the General Assembly (see A/56/40, vol. I).

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the seventy-fourth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Georgia	Second periodic report	Monday, 18 March 2002 p.m.
	(CCPR/C/GEO/2000/2)	Tuesday 19 March 2002 a.m.
Sweden	Fifth periodic report	Wednesday, 20 March 2002 a.m./p.m.
	(CCPR/C/SWE/99/5)	
Hungary	Fourth periodic report	Friday 22 March 2002 a.m./p.m.
	(CCPR/C/HUN/2000/4)	
Gambia	(CCPR/C/74/L/GMB)	Thursday, 28 March 2002 a.m./p.m.

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventy-fourth session. These States parties are Georgia, Sweden and Hungary. The Gambia will be considered in the absence of a second periodic report, under new procedure which entered into force in March 2001.

6. General Comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee may begin consideration of a draft general comment on article 2 (provision of effective remedies for violations of the Covenant). Scheduling of any discussion on a draft general comment would be subject to the availability of a draft or outline prior to the start of the seventy-fourth session; otherwise, discussion would be deferred to the seventy-fifth session.

7. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

Two hundred and fifteen communications are pending before the Committee. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in most cases, the Committee's examination of these communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

8. Follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

The Committee's designated representative at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Discrimination Mr. Hipólito Solari Yrigoyen, as well as Messrs. Rajsommer Lallah, Abdelfattah Amor and Maurice Glèlè-Ahanhanzo, who also attended the Conference, will brief the Committee on proceedings in Durban and their implications for treaty body activities.

The Committee may wish to consider how to incorporate the recommendations of the Durban Programme of Action in its activities under article 40 of the Covenant.